

Year: 4

Term: Autumn

Topic: Were the Dark Ages dark?



Settlements



Conflict

- 401 - 410AD The Romans withdraw from Britain; Anglo-Saxon migrants begin to settle.
- 450AD Anglo-Saxon invaders begin to settle.
- 600AD Anglo-Saxons gradually take over Britain.
- 633AD Lindisfarne Monastery is built.
- 793AD The Vikings attack and capture the city of York (Jorvik).
- 867 - 878AD Series of Viking victories.
- 871AD Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex.
- 886AD The Vikings and King Alfred divide Great Britain.
- 954AD Eric Bloodaxe, the last King of Jorvik, is thrown out of York.
- 1014AD King Canute (Cnut) of Denmark becomes King of England.
- 1042AD Edward the Confessor becomes King.
- 1066AD King Harold is killed in the Battle of Hastings.
William I (The Conqueror) crowned King of England.

Both Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came to Britain to invade, then they settled here, hoping for a better life.

They would use swords, shields, axes, spears, javelins and bows and arrows when fighting.

The Anglo-Saxons had different kings who ruled their own kingdoms.

By 878AD there was only 1 kingdom left, Wessex, which was ruled by Alfred the Great. The other Kingdoms had been overrun by the Vikings.

After years of fighting Alfred the Great and the Vikings made a peace agreement, however they did still fight.

They created an imaginary dividing line through England with the Anglo-Saxons to the West and the Viking lands (Danelaw) to the East.



Glossary

- chieftain** The leader of a tribe or clan.
- colonisation** When one country takes over another country, establishing a settlement, in order to control the area and gain riches.
- conquer** To overcome by force.
- Danelaw** 11th century name for the area of Britain ruled by the Vikings.
- invasion** When an army enters another country by force.
- longship** Long, slender boats that the Vikings used to travel on the seas.
- monastery** A place where a community of monks live and work.
- raid** A sudden attack or invasion.
- runes** An early alphabet.
- Saxon** A group of farmer-warriors who lived in Britain over a thousand years ago.
- Scandinavia** The area made up of Denmark, Sweden and Norway.
- settlement** A place where people have come to live.
- trade** The buying and selling of goods and services.
- Viking** Warriors from northern Europe.